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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
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C-130 OPERATIONAL POLICY

1. PURPOSE: To establish operational procedures for the C-130 aircraft.
2. SCOPE: These procedures are applicable to all C-130 aircrew members.
3. PROCEDURES: The C-130 aircraft will be operated in accordance with T.O. 1C-130B-1 and AFM 55-130 with the following additions:

a. Co-pilot takeoff and landings:

(1) Co-pilot checked out under the provisions of the C-130 Training Plan will not occupy a pilot seat unless a qualified C-130 pilot is occupying the other seat.

(2) Co-pilots will not make takeoffs and landings if the following conditions exist:

- (a) Passengers are on board.
- (b) The gross weight of the aircraft exceeds 120,000 pounds.
- (c) During an actual emergency.
- (d) Marginal weather conditions.

b. Use of Parachutes:

(1) Non-detachable back pack type parachutes will be used by C-130 aircrews. A minimum of ten (10) personnel parachutes will be aboard the aircraft during all flights. One parachute will be stowed on the flight station during all flights to be used by the flight mechanic when inspecting doors in the event of a door warning light.

(2) Parachutes are not required to be worn by crew members when performing logistic type missions, passenger carrying flights, transition, student training or proficiency flying. However, parachutes will be fitted and placed in a readily available location in the cargo compartment.

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(3) Parachutes will be worn during test flight, when engaged in activity near an open door in flight or when hazardous cargo is carried.

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